





Whether new to the community or a long-time resident, you will find Carlsbad to be a very special place, where an ideal climate and abundant natural open spaces combine with active neighborhoods and a small town, beach community feel to create a community we are proud to call home.

The City of Carlsbad has prepared this guide to help residents enjoy all that Carlsbad has to offer. From a healthy outdoor lifestyle and a safe community to lifelong learning opportunities and social connections, the City of Carlsbad promotes a strong sense of community and excellent quality of life for our residents. The following pages are full of information, tips and resources to help our residents enjoy the Carlsbad lifestyle.





Our History

Named for a famed 19th Century European spa whose mineral springs are remarkably similar to those found here, Carlsbad's history reflects the heritage of many cultures. The shoreline of Carlsbad's Agua Hedionda Lagoon was home to the indigenous Luiseno and Diegueño Indians for centuries before the arrival of the Spaniards. The area known today as Carlsbad was once a territory of Spain and then Mexico.

The City of Carlsbad was incorporated in 1952 and today is home to nearly 107,000 people. Guided by a growth management plan developed by the city and approved by voters in 1986, Carlsbad has matured into a well-rounded community where parks, roads and other infrastructure has kept pace with development. Now that most of the growth in Carlsbad has already occurred, the city is focused on sustaining an excellent quality of life for residents and continuing to foster a strong sense of community.

For more local history, visit the Carlsbad History Room located in the Georgina Cole Library.



Carlsbad Fast Facts

Population 107,000

Median Age 41

Miles of Coastline Nearly 7 miles

Total Square Miles 42

Average High Temperatures 68 degrees in January (coldest month), and 84 degrees in August (hottest month)

Average Rainfall 10 inches

Number of Parks 25 parks and one municipal golf course, The Crossings at Carlsbad

Number of Lagoons Three—Buena Vista, Agua Hedionda and Batiquitos

Trails More than 40 miles of trails are maintained by the city

Open Space More than a third of the city is set aside as permanent open space, trails and habitat areas.

City Government Carlsbad is a charter city following the council-manager form of government with an elected mayor and four council members elected at-large.



Your City Government

The City of Carlsbad provides many ways for residents to participate in local government. As a result, the Carlsbad community is one of the most actively engaged in the region. Here's how to get involved:

- City Council Meetings Attend City Council meetings in person or watch them on the city website or Time Warner cable channel 24 and 126. City Council meetings are held most Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. Agendas are available online or at City Hall.
- Boards and Commissions The city has a number of boards and commissions that advise the City Council on issues of interest to the community. For a schedule of meetings and to find out how to become a member, visit the city's website and look under "City Clerk."



- Citizens Academy Get a behind-the-scenes look at how the city operates, meet city leaders and learn about city government during this free seven week evening course.
- Annual Budget Workshop Each June, before the city's budget is adopted, residents are invited to provide input on spending priorities.
- News and Events Keep up with city news and events by subscribing to city newsletters and e-mail updates. Follow the city on social media sites like Twitter and watch city news on YouTube and local government cable channels.
- Open Records The city's business is your business. City records, including plans, maps, budgets and project reports, are available for public review in person or online.



Connecting With Your Community

The City of Carlsbad knows that a well rounded community needs more than just water, sewers, roads and street lights. The heart of a community comes from the ability of residents to enjoy a healthy lifestyle rich with culture and learning for all ages. And, most importantly, a community's strength comes from the social connections shared among neighbors. Here's how the city cultivates these important community connections:

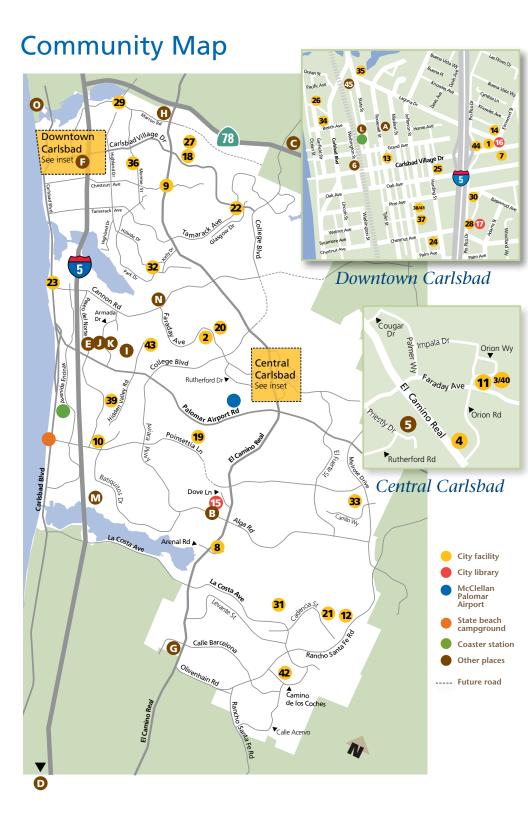
- Lifelong Learning The city offers free and low cost classes for students of all ages through its library, arts and recreation programs. Class schedules and registration information are available on the city's website and in the Community Services Guide, available at the city's community centers and libraries.
- Community Events Events bring the community together to celebrate, recreate and commemorate life's special moments. The city sponsors and encourages special events year round. Check the calendar on the city's website for a complete listing.
- Art and Culture The City of Carlsbad promotes arts and culture with its own programs and partnerships with community organizations. The city's Cultural Arts Office provides hands on arts education; manages rotating art exhibits at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden and William D. Cannon Art Gallery; and puts on the popular TGIF Jazz in the Park concerts each summer all free to the public. Residents can also enjoy an eclectic array of performances and lectures at the library's Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium.
- City Volunteer Program Meet new friends while serving your community through the city's active volunteer program. Residents help take care of trails, bring meals to homebound neighbors, teach reading, help with special events and more. Call 760-434-2929 to get involved.





- Community Gathering Places Carlsbad offers many places for residents to gather and celebrate. Connect in the city's parks, athletic fields, historic sites, a community garden, community centers, pool, libraries, sculpture garden and art gallery.
- Outstanding Libraries The City of Carlsbad has three outstanding libraries, offering everything from public computers to free wireless Internet access, programs for all ages and a diverse collection of books and other materials. Carlsbad's libraries are a great place to get connected.
- **Keep Fit with Friends** From the city's extensive trail system to sports leagues for kids and adults, the City of Carlsbad provides lots of ways to enjoy a healthy outdoor lifestyle. Check the city's website for trail head locations and events, sports league sign ups and information about other recreational activities.
- For the 50+ Crowd It's all about fun, fitness and friendship at the Carlsbad Senior Center, where active adults gather for classes, events and free seminars and screenings. Take advantage of the newly renovated fitness room and computer lab, and dine with neighbors at the weekday lunch program.





- City of Carlsbad
 City Hall
 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 2. City of Carlsbad Faraday Administrative Center 1635 Faraday Ave.
- 3. City of Carlsbad Public Safety Center 2560 Orion Way
- 4. City of Carlsbad Utilities/ Carlsbad Municipal Water District 5950 El Camino Real
- 5. Chamber of Commerce* 5934 Priestly Drive
- Visit Carlsbad*
 400 Carlsbad Village Drive

Fire Stations

- 7. Fire Station #1 1275 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 8. Fire Station #2 1906 Arenal Road
- 9. Fire Station #3
- 3701 Catalina Drive
- 10. Fire Station #4 6885 Batiquitos Drive
- 11. Fire Station #5 2540 Orion Way
- 12. Fire Station #6 7201 Rancho Santa Fe Road
- 13. City of Carlsbad Housing & Neighborhood Services 2965 Roosevelt St.

Library & Cultural Arts

- 14. City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office and Sculpture Garden 2955 Elmwood St.
- 15. Carlsbad City Library1775 Dove LaneRuby G. Schulman Auditorium1775 Dove LaneWilliam D. Cannon Art Gallery1775 Dove Lane

- 16. Georgina Cole Library1250 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 17. Library Learning Center 3368 Eureka Place

Parks & Recreation

- 18. Ann D. L'Heureux Dog Park 2700 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 19. Aviara Community Park 6435 Ambrosia Lane
- Business Park Recreational Facility Faraday Avenue and Camino Hills Drive
- 21. Cadencia Park 3310 Cadencia St.
- Calavera Hills Community Center and Park
 2997 Glasgow Drive
- 23. Cannon Park
 Carlsbad Boulevard and
 Cannon Road
- 24. Chase Field 3349 Harding Street
- 25. Harding Community Center 3096 Harding St.
- 26. Heritage Hall 2650 Garfield Street
- 27. Hidden Canyon Park 2685 Vancouver St.
- 28. Holiday Park
 Chestnut Street and
 Pio Pico Drive
- 29. Hosp Gove Park Jefferson Street and Marron Road
- 30. Kruger House 3251 Fureka Place
- 31. La Costa Canyon Park
 Pueblo Street and Rana Court
- 32. Laguna Riviera Park Kelly Drive and Park Drive
- 33. Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park 6200 Flying LC Lane

- 34. Magee Park 258 Beech Ave.
- 35. Maxton Brown Park 500 Laguna Drive
- 36. Monroe Street Pool 3401 Monroe St.
- 37. Pine Avenue Park 3333 Harding Street
- 38. Parks & Recreation Administration 799 Pine Ave., Ste. 200
- 39. Poinsettia Community Park 6600 Hidden Valley Road
- 40. City of Carlsbad Skatepark 2560 Orion Way
- 41. Carlsbad Senior Center 799 Pine Ave.
- Stagecoach Community Center and Park
 Camino de los Coches
- 43. The Crossings at Carlsbad (Golf course) 5800 The Crossings Drive
- 44. Parks & Trees Maintenance 1166 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 45. Carlsbad Village Association* 2579 State St.

Other Places*

Post Offices

- A. 2772 Roosevelt St. (northern Carlsbad)
- B. 1700 Aviara Parkway (southern Carlsbad)

Hospitals

- C. Tri-City Medical Center 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside
- D. Scripps Memorial Hospital 354 Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas

Shopping Centers

- E. Carlsbad Premium Outlets 5620 Paseo Del Norte
- F. Carlsbad Village Carlsbad Village Drive, west of Interstate 5
- G. The Forum 1932 Calle Barcelona
- H. Westfield Plaza Camino Real 2525 El Camino Real

Fun

- I. LEGOLAND California
 One Legoland Drive
- J. Flower Fields 5704 Paseo Del Norte
- K. Museum of Making Music 5790 Armada Drive
- L. New Village Arts Theater 2787 State St. Suite B
- M. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center 7380 Gabbiano Lane
- N. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation 1500 Cannon Road
- O. Buena Vista Lagoon Audubon Society 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside

*Non-city



City News and Events

The City of Carlsbad provides several ways for residents to keep up with city news and events:

Website: The city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov, offers a wealth of information, including city news, City Council agendas and live streaming of council meetings, class registration, an events calendar, online water bill payment, and contact information for all city departments and services.

E-news: Sign up to receive the city's latest news and information right to your inbox through the e-subscription service on the city's website home page.

City TV: Watch City Council meetings and get the latest city news on the City of Carlsbad cable channel on Time Warner Cable, 24 (basic cable) and 126 (digital subscribers).

Follow us: Follow the city on social media sites like Twitter @carlsbadcagov and YouTube/cityofcarlsbadca. For a complete list of official city channels, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/social-media.

Community Services Guide: The guide contains information on events, programs and classes offered by the city. Pick one up at any community center or library, or browse the digital version on the city's website.



March

Citizens Academy

April

Carlsbad Reads Together

April – May

Flower Fields in bloom

May

Carlsbad Village Faire

June – August

TGIF Jazz in the Park

July

Carlsbad Triathlon

August

State of the City

September

Citizens Academy

November

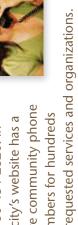
Carlsbad Village Faire

December

Holiday at the Rancho Holidays in the Village

Community Phone Book

Carlsbad residents can always reach comprehensive community phone book with numbers for hundreds addition, the city's website has a through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by dialing at 760-434-2820. In someone at City Hall Monday



Click on "Contact Us" in the upper right of every page. of frequently requested services and organizations.



760-434-2820 619-688-3260 760-602-2420 760-602-2719 760-967-2828

Beach information

City Hall

Water billing

760-929-9400 760-438-2312

Trash/recycling Animal control

SDG&E

800-411-7343

North County Transit District

Building permits



1200 Carlsbad Village Drive Carlsbad, CA 92008 City of Carlsbad

www.carlsbadca.gov



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